

School Finance Guidelines for Students Impacted by Removal of AIMS Requirement for Graduation (SB1191)

On February 20, 2015, [Senate Bill 1191](#) was signed into law, immediately ending the AIMS high school graduation requirement. The bill states that a student is not required to obtain a passing score on a standardized test during FY2015, FY2016, FY2017, and FY2018 school year in order to graduate from high school.

1) Do I need to request a 15-915 (prior year data correction request) for students who may be eligible to graduate from previous years?

This law DOES NOT remove the requirement for passing AIMS in prior years. A request for a prior year data adjustment is not necessary. The student must be reported as a 2015 graduate.

2) Can I go back to FY2014 and change all our students that were W13's last year and change their status to graduated (W7 or G)?

As stated before, SB1191 does not remove the requirement to pass AIMS from previous fiscal years. Students in FY2014 were required to pass AIMS. A 15-915 for data modifications is not necessary for these types of changes. Students or guardians must request a diploma or transcript to be updated.

3) What do I do if I have former dropouts or students from prior cohorts who want to know if they can now receive a diploma?

- Former dropouts or students from cohort years 2014 and prior years who did not pass AIMS and who meet the [current graduation requirements](#) may qualify for graduation this school year (2014-2015). (not considered as graduated by ADE unless formally graduated/reported in SAIS) Please see additional guidance below.

4) How do I account for these students in SAIS?

In order for the student to be accounted for within SAIS, if the student is not enrolled in school year 2014- 2015, an enrollment dated on or after February 20, 2015 may be submitted to SAIS for a minimum of at least one day following the guidance mentioned below. If the student was enrolled earlier this year and is taking only AIMS prep classes, the enrollment should exist in SAIS with an enrollment date reflecting the actual day of enrollment (e.g., the first day of school).

For both of these scenarios, the student must be submitted for the 2014-2015 school year:

- As fundable (**tuition payer code 1**),
- With an **FTE** of 0.00 (this results in the student not generating any average daily membership (ADM)),
- With the appropriate **enrollment code** (i.e. returning dropout, returning from same school, etc.), AND
- Either
 - 1) **withdrawn** as a W7 (mid-year graduate) or
 - 2) with a **year-end status code** of G (student who was enrolled through the end of the school year).

5) If a student has turned 22 since last year, can the student still be enrolled and receive his/her diploma?

The student will remain part of his/her original cohort class. If a student has turned 22 since last year, the student can receive his/her diploma, and can still be reported in SAIS following the guidelines specified in items above.